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State revokes, suspends licenses, certifications, registrations of health care providers

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health has revoked or suspended the licenses, certifications, or registrations of health care providers in our state. The department has also immediately suspended the credentials of people who have been prohibited from practicing in other states.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Office works with boards, commissions and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency's Web site. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the <u>Department of Health home page</u> (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Benton County

In January of 2010 the Medical Quality Assurance Commission entered into an agreed order with physician **Clarence D. Washington** (MD00014637) in which his credential is placed on probation for five years and he agrees to pay a \$5,000 fine. Washington had sex with a patient.

Chelan County

In December of 2009 the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission revoked for at least 10 years the registered nurse and advanced registered nurse practitioner credentials of **Deborah S. Rehberg** (RN.RN.00103458, ARNP.AP30005778-FNP). Rehberg prescribed narcotics to patients with histories or signs of addiction, diagnosed and treated patients without medical diagnostic testing, borrowed drugs from her patients for personal use, and crossed professional boundaries with patients.

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King County

In November of 2009 the Board of Hearing and Speech entered into an agreed order with hearing aid fitter/dispenser **Stephen A. Kahmann** (HIFD.HA.00000074) in which he surrendered his credential to practice. Kahmann committed unprofessional conduct in patient treatment and recordkeeping.

In December of 2009 the Department of Health indefinitely suspended the credential of registered nursing assistant **Jennifer C. Querin-Rorie** (NAR.NA.00188843). She increased a patient's pain medications without authority to do so, and was diagnosed with a drug overdose that became apparent while she was on duty at an adult family home. Earlier, she had entered into pre-trial diversion agreements in response to criminal charges for first-degree identity theft, a Class B felony, and second-degree identity theft, a Class C felony.

In December of 2009 the Department of Health suspended for at least 30 months the credential of certified nursing assistant **Toney O. Bey** (NAC.NC.10080167). Bey was convicted in King County Superior Court of voyeurism, a Class C felony.

In December of 2009 the Department of Health entered into an agreed order with massage practitioner **Robert W. Watts** (MASS.MA.00024943) in which his credential is suspended for nine months. Watts had sexual contact with a client during a massage session.

In January of 2010 the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission summarily suspended the credential of registered nurse **Barbara L. Padgett** (RN.RN.60049808) after the Louisiana State Board of Nursing suspended her credential to practice in that state.

Kitsap County

In November of 2009 the Department of Health permanently revoked the credential of certified nursing assistant **John P. Marion** (NAC.NC.10027967). Marion engaged in sexual misconduct with a former patient.

Mason County

In January of 2010 the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission entered into an agreed order with licensed practical nurse **Matthew Schneider** (LPN.LP.00055269). His credential is suspended for at least two years. Schneider failed to comply with terms of an earlier agreement.

Pacific County

In January of 2010 the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission summarily suspended the credentials of registered nurse and advanced registered nurse practitioner **Gregory Pigeon** (RN.RN. 00162604, ARNP.AP.30007203-CRNA) after Pigeon surrendered his credentials to practice in California.

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Pierce County

In January of 2010 the Department of Health indefinitely suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **Marcel A. Reaves** (NAC.NC.10059506), who was convicted in Pierce County Superior Court of third-degree assault, a Class C felony.

Skagit County

In December of 2009 the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of licensed practical nurse **Tressa A. Cox** (LPN.LP.00051817), who failed to comply with terms of an earlier stipulation.

Snohomish County

In December of 2009 the Department of Health suspended for at least five years the credential of health care assistant **Buba J. Bojang** (HCA.HC.00143549). Bojang was convicted in Snohomish County Superior Court of communicating with a minor for immoral purposes.

In January of 2010 the Department of Health entered into an agreement with registered nursing assistant and certified nursing assistant applicant **Danyell Rita McSparran** (NAR.NA.60049256, NAC.NC.60079259) in which denial of her applications for credentials is vacated and the credentials granted if she complies with certain conditions. On her applications, McSparran had falsely answered a question about her criminal history.

In January of 2010 the Department of Health entered into an agreed order with certified nursing assistant **Michael R. Tucker** (NAC.NC.10081370) in which he permanently surrendered his credential. Tucker made inappropriate comments to patients.

Spokane County

In November of 2009 the Board of Hearing and Speech entered into an agreed order with hearing aid fitter/dispenser **Scott A. Williams** (HIFD.HA.00002083) in which his credential is suspended for at least six months. An audit resulted in numerous findings of misconduct. Williams was convicted in Spokane County Superior Court of third-degree theft, a gross misdemeanor.

In December of 2009 the Department of Health indefinitely suspended the credential of registered counselor **Kerry G. Baziotis** (RC.RC.60019341) for failure to comply with terms of an earlier agreement.

In January of 2010 the Department of Health entered into an agreed order with certified nursing assistant **Heather L. McClain** (NAC.NC.10033849) in which her credential is suspended for at least five years. McClain was convicted in Spokane County Superior Court of second-degree theft, a Class C felony.

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Thurston County

In January of 2010 the Dental Quality Assurance Commission withdrew a statement of charges against dentist **Sherilyn V. Malloy** (DENT.DE.00006693).

Whatcom County

In December of 2009 the Department of Health entered into an agreed order with registered nursing assistant **James R. Kelly** (NAR.NA.00193892) in which his credential is suspended for at least four years. Kelly was convicted in Whatcom County Superior Court of third-degree assault, a Class C felony.

Yakima County

In January of 2010 the Department of Health entered into an agreed order with registered counselor **Justin Edward Steward** (RC.60014313) in which his credential is permanently revoked. Steward had sex with a patient at a residential treatment facility where he worked and posted messages with sexual content on the patient's networking Web page.

Out of State

Ohio: In January of 2010 the Medical Quality Assurance Commission summarily suspended the credential of physician **Janet Despot** (MD60051240) after the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation suspended her credential to practice in that state.

Oregon: In December of 2009 the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission summarily suspended the credential of licensed practical nurse **Harley Tuck Jr.** (LPN.LP.00027879) after he voluntarily surrendered his credential to practice in Texas.

In January of 2010 the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission indefinitely suspended the credentials of registered nurse and advanced registered nurse practitioner **Carla R. Anderson** (RN.RN.00147754, ARNP.AP.30006394-FNP) after the Oregon State Board of Nursing suspended her credentials to practice in that state.

In January of 2010 the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of registered nurse **Fawn M. Hasty** (RN.RN.00146664) after the Oregon State Board of Nursing revoked her credential to practice in that state.

Pennsylvania: In December of 2009 the Medical Quality Assurance Commission entered into an agreed order with physician **Samuel L. Krakow** (MD60066916) in which his credential is indefinitely suspended after the Pennsylvania State Board of Medicine suspended his credential to practice in that state.

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